

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to this application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks which place the application in condition for allowance or into better condition for appeal.

As this paper is being submitted within the three month term for reply set by the July 30, 2002 Final Office Action, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, a fee is required for consideration of this paper, the fee may be charged, or overpayment credited to, Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Claims 26-39 are pending. The drawings were amended, without prejudice, to advance prosecution and to place the claims in condition for allowance. The amendments and the remarks made herein are not made for reasons related to patentability and, thus, do not prevent the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

Claims 26-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking a written description. The rejection is traversed.

The Examiner alleges that there is no figure showing the embodiment claimed. By the accompanying Request for Drawing Changes, a new drawing figure is proposed, as required by the Examiner.

No new matter is added.

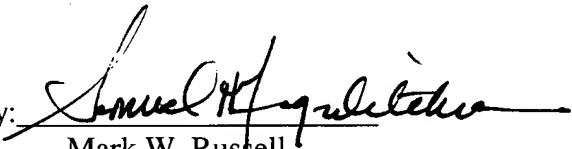
This new drawing figure is a schematic representation of the elements recited in claim 26 and, thereby, obviates the rejection. The new drawing figure finds support in Figure 1, item 3, and page 3, lines 9-11. If the Examiner agrees, the specification will be amended to refer to the new drawing figure as Figure 2.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

By this Amendment, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and the Request for Continued Examination, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are all earnestly solicited.

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